



The Stardust spacecraft met up with Comet Wild 2 on January 2, 2004 and collected a sample of comet dust to bring back to Earth this month! Learn all about the adventures of Stardust at spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/stardust/aerogel.shtml.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Saturn discovered in 1610 by Galileo Galilei. Could a spaceship land on Saturn's rings? New Year's Day	2	3	4 Earth at perihelion , the time of year when it is closest to the Sun. Why do planets go around the Sun?	5	6 FIRST QUARTER 	7
8 Physicist Stephen J. Hawking born this day in 1942. He thinks and writes about black holes. Play Black Hole Rescue!	9	10	11	12 Royal Astronomical Society founded in England in 1820. They didn't know then why the sky is dark at night. Do you?	13	14 FULL MOON
15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday , 1929.	16	17 Ben Franklin's birthday , 1706. Ben played the violin. Maybe he played a fine one made during the "little ice age."	18	19	20	21
22 LAST QUARTER 	23	24 In 1986, Voyager 2 is first spacecraft to fly by Uranus and its moons.	25 Observe the Weather Day. Watch the sky and learn to describe what you see using "Cloudspeak."	26	27	28
29 NEW MOON Chinese New Year. Chinese calendar based on Sun, Moon, and stars. Why does the Moon seem to change?	30 In 1964, Ranger 6 spacecraft is launched to the Moon. See big, printable Moon images at The Space Place.	31				National Whale-watching month. How are satellites helping protect some endangered species of whales?

Month of January: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/poes_tracking

Jan. 1: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2002_april.shtml

Jan. 4: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2002_july.shtml

Jan. 8: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/blackhole

Jan. 12: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2002_december.shtml

Jan. 17: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/ulysses

Jan. 24: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/vgr_fact3.shtml

Jan. 25: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cloudsat_puz2.shtml

Jan. 29: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2004_march.shtml

Jan. 30: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_moon_images.shtml